Central Social welfare Board

@3945. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Social Welfare Board has taken up any specific programme for the families for assistance in case of unemployment, under employment, old-age sickness and disability during the last three years; if so, details thereof; if not, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government have taken any decision about assigning appropriate judicial status to the Central Board, a charitable company and for registration of the State Social Welfare Boards as subsidiary companies; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) A statement is attached (*see* below)

(b) The Central Social Welfare Board is registered under section 25 of the Companies Act 1956. It is functioning as a Company since 1st of April, 1969.

It has been proposed to register the State Social Welfare Advisory Boards as subsidiary companies of the Central Social Welfare Board. Comments of the State Governments in this regard have been called for.

Statement

The Central Social Welfare Board has not taken any specific programmes for the families for assistance in case of unemployment, under-employment, old age, sickness, and disability during the last three years as the Board does not provide financial assistance to individuals.

However, the Socio-economic Programme of the Board, which was started in 1958, aims at providing needy women such as economically backward, destitutes, widows, deserted and also physically handicapped persons with opportunity for "Work & Wage" on full-time or part-time basis, for supplementing the meagre income to their families.

Under this programme, the Board provides financial assistance in the form of grants to voluntary organisations for setting up various categories of units, such as:—

I. PRODUCTION UNITS

1. Small Industrial items
2. Units as Ancillary to the large industries
3. Handloom Units: and
4. Handicrafts Units.

II. AGRO-BASED UNITS

1. Dairy Units
2. Piggery
3. Goat-rearing
4. Sheep-breeding; and
5. Poultry

III. Self-employment Units such as Sewing machines, Knitting machines, handloom, vegetabe vending etc.

Under the programme of Creches for the Children of Working and Ailing Mothers, the services to children are being continued, so as to make the women (mothers) free to go out for their employment.

Under this programme, the grants are given to the voluntary organisations as per the schematic budget for on going Creche Units as well as to the new Creche Units.

@Previously unstarred Question 3111, transferred from the 19th August, 1988.

Amount given to the voluntary organisations under the Socio-Economic Programme and the Creche Scheme for the Children of Working and Ailing Mothers by the Central Social Welfare Board and the number of beneficiaries during the last three years is detailed below:—

Year	Socio-Economic Programme		Creches for Childreen Working & Ailing Mothers	
	Amount released	Number of beneficiaries	Amount released (Rupees in lakhs)	Number of beneficiaries
1985-86 . . .	256.97	6,777	559.99	2,00,925
1986-87 . . .	259 99	7,682	899.90	2,23,725
1987-88 . . .	299 99	8 ,544	11,72.71	2,55,250

Committee to study the plight of women

@3046. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a committee was appointed to study the plight of women;

(b) whether the issue of employment to eligible women was considered by this committee;

(c) what is the name of the Chairman of this committee; and

(d) whether the committee has submitted its report; if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) A Commission to study the condition of self employed women and women in the informal sector was set up.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Smt Ela R. Bhatt.

(d) Yes. Sir. A summary of report is contained in the statement attached herewith.

@Previously unstarred Question 2190, transferred from the 12th August, 1988.

Statement

The main recommendations made in the report are as follows:—

(i) All data collecting efforts should enlarge the definition of women workers to include all socially productive and reproductive labour paid and unpaid performed within the home or outside an employee or on own account.

(ii) The Mahila Mandals need to be energised which could provide a network throughout the country through which women could be organised.

(iii) Atleast 50 per cent of the developmental plans should flow to women in view of their contribution to family income and national income.

(iv) The women should be given control over assets, which can make their economic ventures viable in the long term

(v) 30 percent reservations in training programmes should be made for women.

(vi) In the State Governments, the responsibility for planning, coordinating, monitoring, evaluation of women's programmes should be entrusted to an officer of the rank of Financial Commissioner.

(vii) Setting up of an exclusive credit body for women, which should be effectively linked with voluntary agencies.